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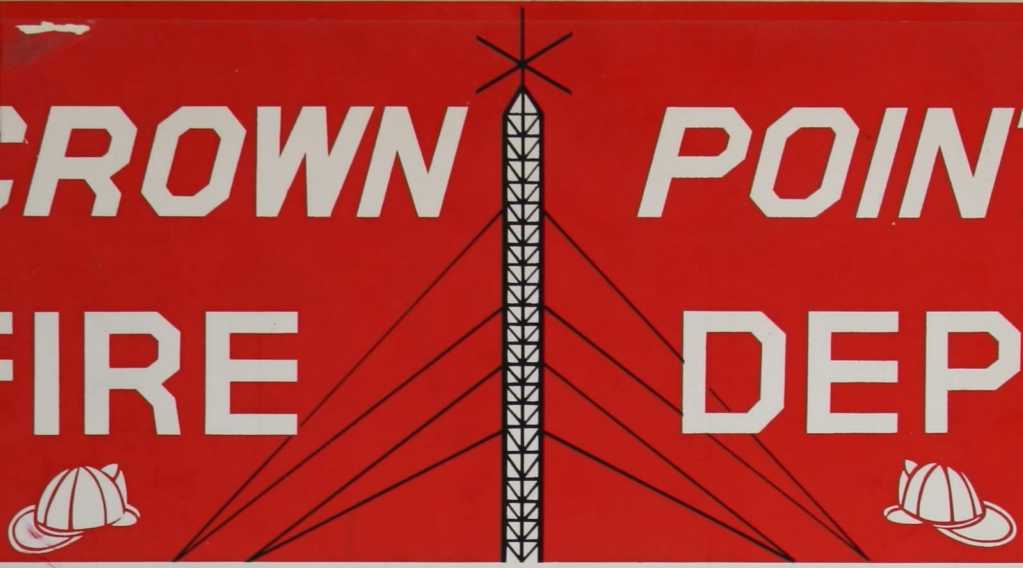

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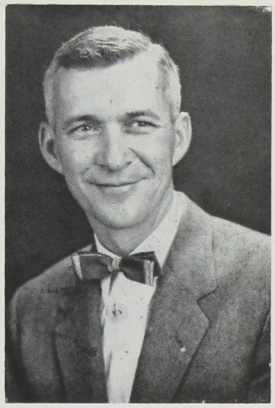

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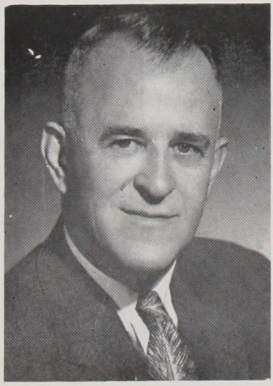

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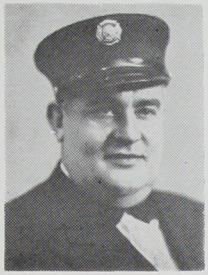

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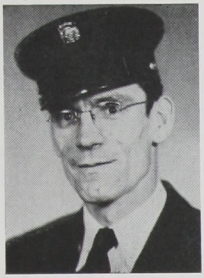

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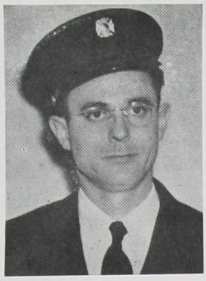

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Most home fires start in the bedroom or the kitchen. That makes these fire safety precautions applicable to nearly every room:

Never smoke in bed. You could fall asleep and drop your cigarette. Toxic gases from the fire that might result could render you unconscious before the heat awakened you.

Don't string electric extension cords around the room. Never run cords under rugs or over nails where they will wear, causing short circuits.

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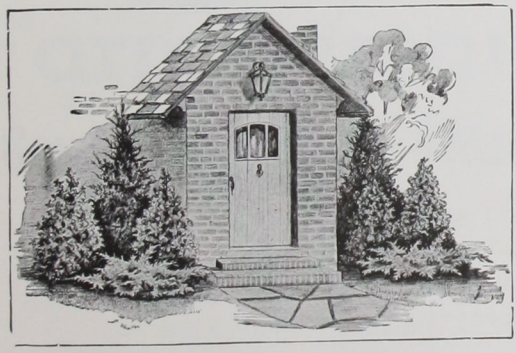

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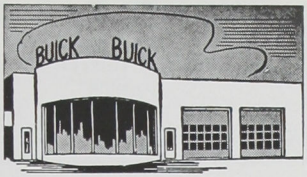

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Follow these steps in telephoning a fire report:

1. When the operator answers, ask for Crown Point "0", or simply say "Give me the Fire Department."
2. When the Fire Department answers, give the address where help is needed and the nature of the emergency, such as, fire in a house or field, drowning or heart attack case for inhalator squad, etc.
3. Give your name and address and the number of the telephone you are using.
4. **Do not hang up** until all this information is given.

Give this same type of information when you call for Police help. And remember this:

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What happens at the telephone office when you place an emergency call?

The telephone company follows through on all emergency calls to be ready to give additional telephone help, if necessary. As an emergency call is connected with the proper agency to handle it, the operator calls her supervisor to plug in with her on the call. They record the location of the emergency and both remain with the call until the emergency has passed. If, for instance, the caller is excited and hangs up before the necessary information is recorded, it frequently is possible for the telephone company to quickly trace the location of the telephone used in making the call.

A typical fire call would be handled like this:

The caller asks for the Fire Department, or Crown Point "0". As the operator rings the Fire Depatment, she calls her supervisor to her side. Both note the location of the fire, and inform other operators on duty. Then, as the Fire whistle sounds and volunteer firemen call the telephone office, they are given the location of the fire or other emergency.

Although this information is given only to firemen who must identify themselves with a special code when they call in, many people who are merely curious about the reason behind the fire whistle blasts call the telephone office.

This could delay getting the firemen on their way, which might cost lives and property. Please do not call the telephone company when the fire whistle sounds unless you are a volunteer fireman!

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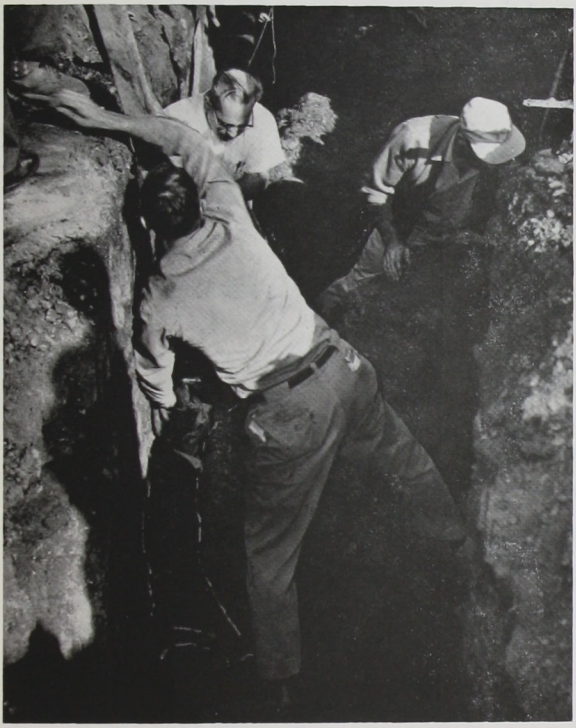

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This cave-in occurred at Main and Summit Streets on October 27, 1958. The fire department and other volunteers worked for 45 minutes before the last man was freed and taken from this sewer excavation then sent to the hospital. It was assumed that this cave-in resulted from rains the previous night, the vibrations from nearby trains and traffic on Main Street. This is one of the many services that the fire department is called upon to do besides fighting fires.

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Crown Point Firemen:

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Gail and Bob Goodlander

August 28, 1958

Crown Point Fire Dept.

Enclosed find check in appreciation of your help in keeping the barn fire from spreading to any other buildings on my West Creek farm.

Many Thanks,
F. A. Dahl

March 29, 1958

Firemen of Crown Point:

Please accept this token as appreciation for the good job well done on our warehouse on Union St., February 17th.

Sincerely yours,
Bob Everett

July 1, 1958

Crown Point Fire Department
Crown Point, Indiana
Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for the use of a fire hydrant wrench during the June 6th circus which we sponsored. You helped to make it a successful fund raising project for us.

The money that was made will be used to promote our various youth and civic activities here in Crown Point, so indirectly you helped your community too.

If ever the Crown Point Jaycees can be of help to you please let us know.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Jim Dunlap,
President

March 10, 1958

Fire Department
Crown Point, Indiana
Dear friends:

Even though the chimney fire at 498 S. Court St. on Thursday night turned out not to be dangerous, it very well could have been.

Hence my family and I are just as grateful for your prompt response to the alarm as if things had turned out to be really serious.

I received word of the fire almost as soon as you did and got going as quickly as possible, but it was you who reached the spot first.

Many thanks!

Sincerely,
L. Humphrey Walz

Mr. Albert C. Rettig
Crown Point Fire Department
Crown Point, Indiana
Dear Mr. Rettig:

The Board of School Trustees wishes to express their appreciation to you and the members of the Fire Department for inspecting the school buildings in Crown Point and calling our attention to the things that need to be done for school safety.

We shall follow the recommendations you list in your letter of October 8, 1958.

Very truly yours,
R. J. Brannock, Supt.
Crown Point City Schools

September 3, 1958

Volunteer Fire Dept.

I wish to thank those of the Pulmotor Squad who answered our call last Tuesday, August 26 so promptly and also for their efficiency. Without your help I do not think my husband would have survived. Thanking you again, I am

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Fire Calls During 1958

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Many of the calls were not for fire or inhalator, but of other needs for help as you will see in the list below.

Many of these calls were answered after we received them over our radio hookup with the other fire departments in Lake County. These fire departments have commented how helpless they are when one of their mobile radio is in for repairs. Through the Lake County Fire Service, Inc. eight fire departments can call for aid, anytime of the day or night when they cannot cope with a large fire. The headquarters for this radio network is here in Crown Point, which is manned 24 hours a day. This radio system and mobile units were purchased by these departments from money raised through various benefits that they put on to raise money, such as our Annual Ball. There is no money received from taxation to purchase or maintain this radio system.

Below is a summary of calls made by the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department in 1958, giving the date, location or name of call, the nature of call, the number of men responding and the time required on each call:

				Men	Time Hrs.	Time Min.
Jan. 1	Hofferber	(City)	House Heavy Dam.	15		55
Jan. 1	Shorty's Ser. Sta.	(Twp.)	Heavy Damage	14	1	40
Jan. 3	Joliet and Indiana	(City)	Straw Pile in Sewer	16		20
Jan. 4	Curley Boles	(Twp.)	Barn-Total Loss	14	1	30
Jan. 5	Earl Neeley	(Twp.)	House-Total Loss	14	1	10
Jan. 6	Crawford, Gilbert	(City)	Truck-Slight Dam.	10		15
Jan. 6	J. Gersten (C.L.)	(Twp.)	Pump Motor-No Dam.	9		35
Jan. 7	Dalton	(Twp.)	Trailer-Slight Dam.	11		15
Jan. 11	Sewage Plant	(Twp.)	Tractor-Slight Dam.	11		15
Jan. 15	Mrs. Fairchilds	(City)	Inh.-OK	10	1	10
Jan. 16	Mrs. Hazel Sharp	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK	14		55
Jan. 22	Mrs. B. Johnson	(City)	Inh.-OK	12		45
Jan. 24	George Moffet-Inf.	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK	14		15
Jan. 26	Roy Powell	(Twp.)	Inh.-Fatal	11		20
Jan. 26	Pete's Tav. (C.L.)	(Twp.)	Heavy Dam.	17		50
Jan. 27	Frank Steiner	(Twp.)	Inh.-Fatal	11		40
Jan. 31	Mrs. Jerry Huber	(City)	Inh.-OK	10		20
Jan. 31	John Vonder Here	(City)	Inh.-OK	14		20
Jan. 31	Jerry Baldwin	(City)	Car-Slight Dam.	12		25
Feb. 1	Mich-Wis Pipe Line	(Twp.)	Truck Cushions	12		15
Feb. 2	McKinney (C.L.)	(Twp.)	House-Total Loss	13	1	20
Feb. 4	P. W. Keiser	(City)	Inh.-Fatal	9		20
Feb. 7	Herb Schiesser	(City)	Blower Motor-No Dam.	11		20
Feb. 7	Cecil Weaver(C.L.)	(Twp.)	House-Slight Dam.	12	1	10
Feb. 7	Cecil Weaver(C.L.)	(Twp.)	House-Flare up	13		40
Feb. 7	Buckley	(City)	Car-Slight Dam.	14		15
Feb. 8	Pete Kettwig (C.L.)	(Twp.)	Sofa-Total Loss	11		25
Feb. 8	Pete Kettwig (C.L.)	(Twp.)	Chair-Total Loss	9		35
Feb. 8	New Elliott Southern Bap. Church	(Twp.)	Church-Total Loss	12	1	10
Feb. 9	C. D. Root	(City)	House-Heavy Dam.	12	1	55
Feb. 10	East Side of Sq.	(City)	Car-Slight Dam.	12		10
Feb. 11	M. MacLaughlin	(Twp.)	Fire Pl.-Heavy Dam.	8	1	40
Feb. 12	Al Turner	(City)	Office Bldg.-Gutted	10		55
Feb. 14	Hall's Junk Yd.	(City)	Bundles of Rags	10		20
Feb. 15	24 Walnut Pkwy.	(City)	Cat in Tree	7		30
Feb. 15	217 Maple St.	(Twp.)	Gas in House	2		20
Feb. 15	Franjello (C.L.)	(Twp.)	House-Heavy Dam.	15	1	10
Feb. 16	Geo. Denham (C.L.)	(Twp.)	House-Heavy Dam.	16		45

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Feb. 16	Ray Hopkins (C.L.)	(Twp.)	Furnace Backfired	13		35
Feb. 17	Horst Hdwe. Stor.	(City)	Heavy Damage	12	1	35
Feb. 18	1100 E. North St.	(City)	Overheated Furnace	12		25
Feb. 18	H. Carmichael (C.L.)	(Twp.)	Thawing Water Pipes	13		30
Feb. 21	Peterman	(Twp.)	Car-Heavy Dam.	10		30
Feb. 23	Mrs. Pickard (Win.)	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK to Hospital	12	2	20
Feb. 24	Ches. Moyer (C.L.)	(Twp.)	Porch-Heavy Dam.	13	1	10
Feb. 25	East Joliet St.	(City)	Car-Slight Dam.	11		15
Feb. 25	J. Wilke (C.L.)	(Twp.)	House-Heavy Dam.	13	1	20
Feb. 26	Ed Joyce (C.L.)	(Twp.)	Sofa-Total Loss	14		50
Mar. 3	Muterspaugh (Win.)	(Twp.)	Hog Barn-Slight Dam.	14	1	45
Mar. 5	Zellhoefer	(City)	Inh.-OK	12	1	20
Mar. 6	Rev. Walz	(City)	Chimney-Burn out	10		15
Mar. 10	Chester Moyer	(Twp.)	House-Heavy Dam.	12		55
Mar. 11	Ed Kasch (Win.)	(Twp.)	Brooder Hse.-Total Loss	13		30
Mar. 12	Carl Knesek	(City)	Oil Furn. Exploded	12		15
Mar. 12	Lutheran School	(City)	Waste Basket on Fire	10		10
Mar. 13	Jacobsma	(Twp.)	Grass	9		40
Mar. 15	Walt Haskell	(City)	Chimney-Burn out	12		25
Mar. 15	Bill Imke	(City)	Grass	13		15
Mar. 15	Main St. and Pennsy. R. R.	(City)	Train-Car Accident	6		30
Mar. 18	Zeller	(Twp.)	Grass	10		25
Mar. 18	Jerry Homolla	(Twp.)	Grappling Hooks for Drowning	17	1	10
Mar. 19	Murphy 5 & 10	(City)	Cigarette in Awning	13		10
Mar. 20	A. J. Verplank	(Twp.)	Cat in Tree	4		30
Mar. 21	North Court Street	(City)	Grass	10		25
Mar. 22	Don's Drive-In	(City)	Grass	13		10
Mar. 23	Zinia	(Twp.)	Grass	13		30
Mar. 24	Zellhoefer	(City)	Inh.-OK	12	1	10
Mar. 25	Marge Kaiser	(City)	Brake Switch	12		15
Mar. 26	Lowell Leg. Hall	(Twp.)	Storage Room	16	1	10
Mar. 26	Azor (C.L.)	(Twp.)	Empty Hse.-Gutted	16	1	10
Mar. 27	Taylor (Strong Fr.)	(Twp.)	Chicken Hse. & Grass	14		35
Mar. 28	Lester Lauson	(Twp.)	Hse. Trailer-Total Loss	12	1	20
Mar. 28	Fairchilds	(City)	Keys to House Lost	4		10
Mar. 28	Brown	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK	12		45
Mar. 29	Carl Deuchert	(Twp.)	Grass	13		35
Mar. 29	Everett Ford	(Twp.)	Grass	15		25
Mar. 29	Ed Reeder	(Twp.)	Grass	14		20
Mar. 29	Fronek Road	(Twp.)	Grass	14	1	10
Mar. 29	Cook Gardens	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK	12		40
Mar. 29	Cook	(Twp.)	Grass-Help C. L.	10		35
Mar. 30	Bill Gill	(Twp.)	Grass	12		30
Mar. 30	Youche C.C.	(Twp.)	Grass	1		20
Mar. 30	McCollum	(City)	Grass	8		20
Mar. 31	James Hull	(Twp.)	Grass	9		15
Mar. 31	Crawford (Win.)	(Twp.)	Grass	9		30
Mar. 31	Adank	(Twp.)	Grass	11		35
Mar. 31	Francis Rhein	(Twp.)	Evergreens Dam.	14		45
Mar. 31	Surprise Pk.(C.L.)	(Twp.)	Grass	13		40
Mar. 31	Reeder Road	(Twp.)	Grass	12		20
Apr. 1	Jackson Hi.	(Twp.)	Grass	11		10
Apr. 1	D. Linica (Win.)	(Twp.)	Grass	11		55
Apr. 1	Albert Noak (Win.)	(Twp.)	Grass	13		35
Apr. 1	Fairgrounds	(Twp.)	Grass and Brush	12		15
Apr. 1	Glenn Lindzy	(City)	House-Slight Dam.	13		25
Apr. 1	Campbell	(Twp.)	Grass	12		20
Apr. 1	Letz Plant	(City)	False Alarm	14		10
Apr. 2	Blakeman	(Twp.)	Grass	11		30
Apr. 2	Wesley Pearson	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK	13		25
Apr. 3	Homestead Inn	(Twp.)	Grass	9		30
Apr. 3	Fletcher Oil Co.	(Twp.)	Grass	10		40
Apr. 3	Dr. Smith	(Twp.)	Grass	11		35
Apr. 4	Csonka	(Twp.)	Grass	12		30
Apr. 4	622 West Porter	(City)	Grass	13		20
Apr. 4	Letz Mfg.	(City)	Grass	12		15
Apr. 5	Gross Hein	(Twp.)	Grass and Rubbish	10		30
Apr. 5	Polka Dot Inn(C.L.)	(Twp.)	Slight Damage	17		40

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				Men	Time Hrs.	Time Min.
Apr. 7	Jule Reichs	(City)	Car-Slight Dam.	10		20
Apr. 10	Schlueter	(Twp.)	Woods and Grass	8	2	10
Apr. 11	Herschel Royston	(Twp.)	House-Heavy Dam.	14		45
Apr. 11	Rose Ellen Dr.	(City)	Grass	10		20
Apr. 12	849 W. Joliet	(City)	Grass	10		15
Apr. 12	Hank Wheeler	(Twp.)	Grass	12		20
Apr. 12	Mrs. Kessler	(City)	Grass	12		35
Apr. 12	Jones	(Twp.)	Grass	13		25
Apr. 12	Saagers	(City)	Car-Slight Dam.	13		10
Apr. 12	Winfield Twp.	(Twp.)	Grass	10		55
Apr. 12	Armentrout	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK	11		30
Apr. 13	Linda Pugh	(City)	Inh.-OK	13		15
Apr. 13	Hilltop Dr. (C.L.)	(Twp.)	Grass	10		20
Apr. 13	Austgen Farm	(Twp.)	Grass & Cornfield	13		55
Apr. 14	Paul Brown	(Twp.)	Grass and Woods	13		45
Apr. 14	Reeder Road	(Twp.)	Grass	12		35
Apr. 15	Huber	(Twp.)	Woods and Grass	12		15
Apr. 15	Tobin	(Twp.)	Grass	10		20
Apr. 16	Jensenville	(Twp.)	Grass	11		40
Apr. 17	City Dump	(Twp.)	Dump on Fire	8		30
Apr. 17	Jensenville	(Twp.)	Grass	8		35
Apr. 17	John Street	(City)	Grass	10		15
Apr. 18	Fairgrounds	(Twp.)	Grass	9		20
Apr. 18	Shorty's Cab Off.	(City)	Overheated Furnace	10		10
Apr. 19	S. East side of Lake	(Twp.)	Grass	11		30
Apr. 20	Floyd Bradley	(Twp.)	House-Total Loss	13	2	25
Apr. 23	Rose Peterson	(City)	Furnace-No Dam.	8		10
Apr. 25	Shimko	(Twp.)	Overheated Oil Stove	7		30
Apr. 25	Kerns	(City)	Train Transformer	8		25
Apr. 26	Cummings' Farm	(Twp.)	Chicken Hse.-Total Loss	8		20
Apr. 28	Am. Chem. Co.	(Twp.)	Heavy Damage	16	1	20
Apr. 29	Walter Heisterberg	(Twp.)	Grass	6		25
May 1	Wendel Schrumm	(Twp.)	Overheated Furnace	14		20
May 6	Trump	(City)	Grass	11		15
May 9	525 S. East St.	(City)	Overheated Oil Stove	6		15
May 9	Ruby Patterson	(City)	Garage-Total Loss	14	1	15
May 10	Patterson	(City)	Sparks flying around	14		25
May 11	N. Indiana Ave.	(Twp.)	Grass	11		25
May 12	Mrs. Jerry Huber	(City)	Inh.-To Hospital-OK	8		20
May 12	J. Thiel, (St. John)	(Twp.)	House-Heavy Dam.	7	2	40
May 13	Charles Hegan	(City)	Garbage Tr.-No Dam.	10		20
May 15	C. Weger	(Twp.)	Overheated Water Heat.	11		40
May 18	Handley's Grocery	(City)	Rubbish	11		20
May 18	William Ball	(City)	Overheated Fl. Furn.	15		25
May 20	Frank Steiner, Jr.	(Twp.)	Peat Marsh	12	1	10
May 21	Holmquist	(City)	Train-Car Accident	12		45
May 22	238 Maxwell St.	(City)	Dryer-No Dam.	8		15
May 24	Mrs. Russell Kramer	(City)	Inh.-OK	11		25
May 26	Marvin Coffin	(Twp.)	House-Heavy Dam.	11		55
May 29	Charles Hegan	(Twp.)	Garbage Truck	9		20
May 29	Merz Mach. Shop	(City)	Grass and Oil	4		15
May 31	C. W. Kaiser	(Twp.)	Power Mower-No Dam.	9		15
June 2	Don Rettig	(City)	Inh.-OK	10		15
June 7	Joe Hunt	(Twp.)	Car-Heavy Dam.	8		35
June 8	Detention Home	(City)	False Alarm	14		15
June 8	Wm. Lamprecht	(Twp.)	House-Total Loss	12	3	55
June 9	Wm. Lamprecht	(Twp.)	Sparks flying on barn	12	1	35
June 9	Jess Bishop	(Twp.)	Oil Stove-No Dam.	8		20
June 11	John Miller	(City)	Inh.-To Hospital-OK	8		30
June 14	Joe Hasse (Inf.)	(City)	Inh.-OK	13		15
June 14	Ray Stefan	(City)	Inh.-Fatal	7		15
June 19	Arthur Paquette	(Twp.)	Gas Furnace Exploded 3 to Hospital	13	1	10
June 20	Ind. and Joliet St.	(City)	Barricade & Asphalt	9		10
June 28	Shefold	(Twp.)	Grass	11		15
June 29	Willard Reese	(Twp.)	House-Slight Dam.	11		30
June 29	East Joliet St.	(City)	Washing dust off St.	4	3	10
July 1	Michel	(City)	Gas Leak	11		20
July 2	Ferguson	(Twp.)	Electric Outlet	11		30

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July 3	Mrs. Wallace Isbel	(City)	Inh.-To Hospital-OK	10	1	20
July 6	Allen Andrews, Inf.	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK	8		30
July 6	Churchill	(Twp.)	Shed-Called by Radio	11		10
July 7	East Side of Sq.	(City)	Car-No Dam.	7		15
July 12	Larsen Farm	(Twp.)	Oil Stove-No Dam.	13		20
July 12	Bert Hayden	(City)	Inh.-OK	9		15
July 13	Fairgrounds	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK	7		10
July 14	C. P. Bldg. & Loan	(City)	Smoke from Incin.	16		10
July 15	Gerry Getty	(City)	Hse.-Heavy Smoke Dam.	8		55
July 16	Art Beckman	(Twp.)	Garage-Slight Dam.	9		15
July 19	Mike Kucia	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK	7	1	10
July 25	Cedar Lake	(Twp.)	Marsh Fire	8		50
July 27	Liss Body Shop	(City)	Car	8		10
July 28	Jeremiah L. Skeen	(Twp.)	Car-Total Loss	14		45
July 29	Virgil Heath	(Twp.)	House-Slight Dam.	12	1	10
July 30	North St., C. L.	(Twp.)	Garage-No Dam.	12		15
July 30	Scott	(City)	Tires in Front Yard	13		15
July 31	Mary Gulich	(Twp.)	Inh.-To Hospital-OK	9		25
Aug. 1	Sterling Potts	(Twp.)	Pump Hse.-Slight Dam.	7		35
Aug. 6	Homestead Inn	(Twp.)	Stove-Slight Dam.	9		35
Aug. 8	Herman Fiegle	(City)	Car-Total Loss	11		20
Aug. 9	Robbin Norvo, inf.	(Twp.)	Inh.-Drowned	13		35
Aug. 10	410 Foote St.	(City)	Car-Slight Dam.	7		10
Aug. 11	Don Harmon	(Twp.)	Motorcycle-Total Loss	13		25
Aug. 15	Hester Harp	(Twp.)	Hse.-Heavy Smoke Dam.	12	1	30
Aug. 17	Sanford Duncan	(Twp.)	Barn-Total Loss	11	1	45
Aug. 17	Cedar Point Park	(Twp.)	False Alarm	8		20
Aug. 21	Paneff, Inf.	(City)	Knee wedged between Wall and Pillar	4		10
Aug. 22	Warren O'Keef	(Twp.)	Inhalator	7		30
Aug. 22	Earl Ewen	(Twp.)	Car-Slight Dam.	12		15
Aug. 24	Rich. Wassner, Inf.	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK	8		40
Aug. 24	Anchor's Farm	(Twp.)	Cob Pile Burning	6		30
Aug. 25	Aura Roll	(Twp.)	Barn-Total Loss	9	1	45
Aug. 26	Wm. Krieter	(City)	Inh.-OK	12	1	40
Sept. 2	Hofferberger	(City)	Shed-Slight Dam.	12		30
Sept. 6	Mrs. E. Luebcke	(City)	Inh.-To Hospital-OK	10		40
Sept. 7	Carl Allen	(Twp.)	Hay and Lumber	10		25
Sept. 9	Dan Weldy	(City)	Inh.-OK	11		50
Sept. 13	Court House	(City)	Electric Motor	6		30
Sept. 13	Ray Werblo	(City)	Inh.-Fatal	9		35
Sept. 14	C. Lamprecht	(City)	Overheated Furnace	10		35
Sept. 15	Harpin	(Twp.)	Grass & Fence Posts	8		20
Sept. 15	Henry Baum	(City)	Inh.-Fatal	9		10
Sept. 16	Henry Schlueter	(City)	Oil Stove Overheated	16		20
Sept. 18	Bert Hayden	(City)	Inh.-OK	8		30
Sept. 18	303 N. Court St.	(City)	Garage-Slight Dam.	8		10
Sept. 20	Bob Goodlander	(Twp.)	Inh.-To Hospital-OK	13		45
Sept. 20	Fairgrounds	(Twp.)	Straw and Oil Fire	10		25
Sept. 23	Mrs. Cauldwell	(City)	Inh.-OK	12		45
Sept. 24	Blakeman	(Twp.)	Belt on Motor	9		20
Sept. 30	Orville Hess	(Twp.)	Fl. Furnace-Slight	8		25
Oct. 1	Helix Corp.	(Twp.)	Paint Shop-Slight Dam.	14		50
Oct. 1	Joe Pickford	(City)	Inh.-OK	14		35
Oct. 2	Zellhoefer	(City)	Inh.-OK	11		30
Oct. 6	George Bendzsa	(Twp.)	Grass	9		50
Oct. 9	East on Route 8	(Twp.)	Car Fire-False Alarm	7		20
Oct. 13	Bob Riddle, Inf.	(City)	Inh.-Fatal	9		30
Oct. 13	John Girton	(Twp.)	Overheated Oil Stove	11		25
Oct. 13	George Stall	(Twp.)	House-Total Loss	10	1	25
Oct. 15	John Warne	(Twp.)	Play House-Slight Dam.	10		30
Oct. 15	Mrs. Springer	(Twp.)	Grass	12		20
Oct. 15	Truman Long	(Twp.)	House-Total Loss	14	1	45
Oct. 16	Detention Home	(City)	False Alarm	9		10
Oct. 18	Rose Ellen Dr.	(City)	Grass	7		15
Oct. 19	Mrs. F. Henderlong	(City)	Gas Stove-Slight Dam.	11		20
Oct. 20	No. St. Playground	(City)	Broom in Storage Room	8		15
Oct. 23	Jack Ray	(Twp.)	False Alarm	11		25
Oct. 24	Binyon Road	(Twp.)	House-Total Loss	14	1	45

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Oct. 24	Mrs. Ballantine	(Twp.)	Inh.-OK	10	1	10
Oct. 27	Summit and Main	(City)	Cave-in 3 men to Hosp.	10	1	15
Oct. 28	Jake Neeley	(City)	Taken off roof—Ill	8		10
Oct. 30	George Peer (inf.)	(City)	Inh.—OK	9		15
Oct. 30	772 S. Main St.	(City)	Grass	10		20
Oct. 31	Melcher Road	(Twp.)	Grass	7		35
Oct. 31	George Bendzsa	(Twp.)	Grass	12		25
Nov. 1	Rosenbower	(Twp.)	Tar Pot on Fire	10		30
Nov. 5	Jensenville	(Twp.)	Grass and Marsh	10	1	25
Nov. 5	Sher. & Porter Sts.	(City)	Tree Limb on Wires	15		10
Nov. 8	Andy Huseman	(Twp.)	Hay Shed-Total loss	10	3	30
Nov. 11	R. Stacy	(Twp.)	Grass	10		30
Nov. 12	George Lauerman	(City)	House-Heavy Dam.	8	1	30
Nov. 12	301 E. So. St.	(City)	Lumber near Garage	9		10
Nov. 13	Jim Bullock	(Twp.)	Rag on Oil Burner	10		15
Nov. 15	George Neeley	(City)	Car Fire-Motor Dam.	9		15
Nov. 15	Zellhoefer	(City)	Inh.—OK	12		45
Nov. 16	Helen Bradfield	(Twp.)	Car-Heavy Dam.	12		35
Nov. 20	Donald Hein	(City)	Car-Slight Dam.	9		20
Nov. 21	Mrs. Schmitz	(City)	Inh.-To Hosp.-OK	9		40
Nov. 24	Fairgrounds	(Twp.)	Grass	8		15
Nov. 24	Dr. DuSold's Office	(City)	Inh.-To Hosp.-OK	10	1	40
Nov. 25	Schutz and Taber	(Twp.)	Car Fire-Slight Dam.	11		25
Nov. 25	William Krieter	(City)	Inh.-OK	10		25
Nov. 25	Stan. Drodzinski	(Twp.)	Wash Machine Motor	9		15
Nov. 26	4 Sq. Church C.L.	(Twp.)	Overheated Oil Stove	12		20
Nov. 27	Duane Merrill	(Twp.)	Car Accident	13		30
Nov. 29	George Vinnedge	(City)	Dryer-Slight Dam.	10		10
Nov. 29	Am Rascher	(Twp.)	Car-Heavy Dam.	12		30
Nov. 30	205 E. So. St.	(City)	Smoke in House	6		45
Dec. 1	226 So. East	(City)	Car Fire	14		15
Dec. 6	High Street	(Twp.)	Overheated stove	10		20
Dec. 7	Charles Caule	(Twp.)	Overheated Chimney	12		25
Dec. 7	Chuck Bennett	(Twp.)	Furnace Exploded	13		25
Dec. 7	Fairground Curve	(Twp.)	Car Accident	14		40
Dec. 8	Mike Saberniak	(City)	Inh.-Fatal	9		20
Dec. 8	Jim Young	(City)	Mattress-Smoke Dam.	9		30
Dec. 8	Shearer Coal Yd.	(Twp.)	Garage-Heavy Dam.	10		40
Dec. 9	Gil Stuhlmacher	(Twp.)	House-Total Loss	14	4	30
Dec. 9	Bryant Nurs. Home	(Twp.)	Xmas Decorations	8		20
Dec. 9	Jack Gordon C.L.	(Twp.)	Pump House	8		40
Dec. 9	Community Bldg.	(City)	False Alarm	11		10
Dec. 13	G. L. Hulen	(Twp.)	Short in Wiring	10		45
Dec. 14	Dr. Tullis	(City)	Cat on Chimney	7		15
Dec. 14	Wood & Luke Sta.	(City)	Car Fire-Out on Arrival	10		10
Dec. 15	Purzee, C. L.	(Twp.)	House-Total Loss	11	2	15
Dec. 16	Don Beckman	(Twp.)	House-Heavy Dam.	15	1	15
Dec. 20	Sowash Elevator	(City)	Cob Pile-No Dam.	11		30
Dec. 22	Amanda Stick C.L.	(Twp.)	House-Faulty Wiring	9		40
Dec. 24	Hermit's Lake	(Twp.)	Brush-No Dam.	8		15
Dec. 28	Bielefeld (Inf.)	(City)	Inh.-OK	11	1	10
Dec. 29	Sherman Farm	(Twp.)	Cob Pile-No Dam.	8		15
Dec. 30	Bernice Cook	(City)	Inh.-OK	10		35

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Why else would a man leave a warm bed in the early hours of the morning to fight a fire in sub zero weather for some one he does not even know. I do it because of the deep feeling of satisfaction, in knowing that you are in need, and that look of appreciation one can see in the eyes of those in need. It is this feeling that I am selfish about.

Sentiments expressed above are those of George J. Miller, a fireman on the Bourbon Volunteer Fire Dept., and Secretary of District 5, I. V. F. A.

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The cover on this year's firemen's annual book is the same as the identification plate that will be seen on the rear or front of the volunteer's cars. The only difference will be that the cover will have the dates 1873-1959 on it.

The idea for the cover came from the identification plates on the firemen's cars. It was used to acquaint the people of this area that if a car passes them, they will see that it is a fireman going to the station to answer a call by the identification plate on the rear of his car.

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The fireman said, "Where's the fire?"

She said, "I've just spent a lot of money having my lawn mowed and my hedges clipped."

He said, "Where's the fire?"

She said, "Some of my new plants are very expensive . . . "

He said, "Look lady, you don't want the Fire Department, you want a flower shop."

She said, "No, I don't. The house next door is on fire and I don't want you clumsy firemen stamping all over my garden when you come over."

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The young wife on her first fishing trip was working busily over her line. Finally her husband asked her what she was doing.

"I'm changing corks, dear," she answered sweetly. "This one keeps sinking."

Boy: "Do you know, Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?"

Dad: "Why single out Africa?"

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A couple of co-eds were talking about their future plans. One remarked that she intended to get an airline hostess job. "That way," she said, "I'll meet lots of men."

"Might be an idea," agreed her companion, "but wouldn't you meet as many men doing something else?"

The first girl shrugged. "Could be," she admitted, "but not strapped down."

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Two fellows met at a bar. "Say," said the first, "what does your wife say when you're out this late?"

"Nothing," replied the other, "I'm not married."

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